# **North Carolina** Weather & Crops Report

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#### CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11, 2019

| DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK             |           |              |              |                  |               | SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT              |                 |             |    |               |            |  |
|--|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----|---------------|------------|--|
| This Week                                | Last Week | Last \       | ⁄ear         | 5-Year Avg.      |               |                                    | VS              | ST          | Γ  | Α             | SS         |  |
| 6.4                                      | 5.9       | 4.3 5.4      |              | Subsoil Moisture | 5             | 37                                 |                 | 58          | 0  |               |            |  |
|  |           |              |              |                  |               | Topsoil Moisture<br>VS= Very Short | 8<br>ST = Short | 26<br>A = A |    | 61<br>SS = Su | 5<br>rplus |  |
| CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS |           |              |              |                  |               | CROP CONDITION PERCENT             |                 |             |    |               |            |  |
|  |           | This<br>Week | Last<br>Week | Last<br>Year     | 5 Yr.<br>Avg. |                                    | VP              | Р           | F  | G             | EX         |  |
| PHENOLOGICAL:                            |           |              |              |                  |               | Apples                             | 1               | 1           | 31 | 57            | 10         |  |
|  |           |              |              |                  |               | Corn                               | 10              | 21          | 30 | 29            | 10         |  |
| Corn Dough                               |           | 91           | 87           | 90               | 92            | Cotton                             | 4               | 10          | 27 | 48            | 11         |  |
| Corn Dented                              |           | 70           | 58           | 67               | 73            | Hay                                | 0               | 4           | 33 | 58            | 5          |  |
| Corn Mature                              |           | 30           | 14           | 26               | 31            | Pasture                            | 1               | 12          | 35 | 47            | 5          |  |
| Cotton Setting Bolls                     |           | 91           | 83           | 77               | 84            | Peanuts                            | 2               | 5           | 40 | 44            | 9          |  |
| Soybeans Blooming                        |           | 75           | 62           | 81               | 78            | Sorghum                            | 6               | 7           | 41 | 41            | 5          |  |
| Soybeans Setting Pods                    |           | 51           | 38           | 53               | 52            | Soybeans                           | 2               | 8           | 35 | 43            | 11         |  |
| <b>HARVESTED</b>                         | :         |              |              |                  |               | Sweet Potatoes                     | 1               | 4           | 37 | 47            | 11         |  |
| Apples                                   |           | 18           | 13           | 18               | 23            | Tobacco: Flue-cured                | 3               | 10          | 31 | 49            | 7          |  |
| Corn for Silage                          |           | 40           | 24           | 19               | 27            | Tobacco: Burley                    | 1               | 0           | 7  | 42            | 51         |  |
| Hay: Second (                            | Cutting   | 88           | 83           | 69               | 74            |                                    |                 |             |    |               |            |  |
| Hay: Third Cu                            | tting     | 14           | n/a          | n/a              | 11            |                                    |                 |             |    |               |            |  |
| Peaches                                  |           | 77           | 66           | 63               | 71            |                                    |                 |             |    |               |            |  |
| Tobacco: Flue                            | -cured    | 21           | 17           | 29               | 30            |                                    |                 |             |    |               |            |  |

Scattered showers and thunderstorms, some with hail, moved through Saturday. Some farms reported 2.5 inches of rain. Hail damage was minimal. Pastures and spray fields are rebounding nicely since mid-July and farmers are indicating with a good late cutting of hay they will be in good shape for the winter. Army worms in pastures have been a problem this week. Corn harvest has started with some growers reporting 40 bushel per acre yields on early maturing varieties. Soybeans continue to look good.

#### Mark Seitz - Pender County Extension

Corn and soybeans are showing the stress of the drier conditions and intense heat. We definitely could use some rain.

# Janice Nicholson - Rutherford County

Dry conditions crops struggling.

### **Gary Cross – Person County Extension**

Showers through the week helped, but were spotty. Most of the county got some rain, but more is needed. Tobacco harvest continued. Some hay is still being baled. Crabgrass and summer annuals are growing well and providing some good grazing and hay.**Paul Westfall – Granville County Extension** 

Portions of the county received showers during the week. Crops continue to look better but will need rain in the next few days. Tobacco, soybeans, are doing well with peanuts looking very good. In places, pastures are starting to dry and could use some rain. Michael Yoder - Wake County Extension

Typical summer pattern scattered afternoon thunderstorms predominated the week. Precipitation levels were highly variable across the county with some areas receiving in excess of 2" and other areas only a trace. Temperatures were near normal. Second cutting hay harvest is underway. Vegetable crop harvest continues and topping burley tobacco is nearly complete.

#### Stanley Holloway - Yancey County Extension

The weather has become more hot and dry in the Smoky Mountains region with streams and creeks starting to drop in water levels. Soil is Average Dry in subsoil to dry on topsoil. Temperatures above average.

# Robert Hawk - Swain County Extension

Some rain this week slowed the start of corn harvest.

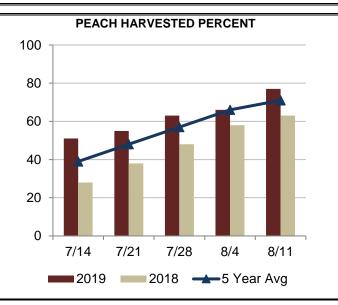
### **Daniel Simpson - Pamlico County Extension**

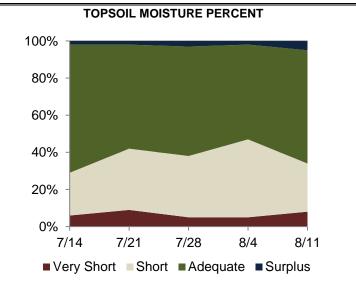
Corn harvest beginning for more growers in the area with grain drier than expected coming out of the field. Significant yield impacts reported on most of the early planted crop with hopes yields improve with later planted corn.

Tobacco harvest continues. Soybeans and cotton are progressing well. Early maturity soybeans look nice.

# Mac Malloy - Robeson County Extension

Dry conditions have affected the corn crop more than other crops. Cathy Herring – Cherry Research Station





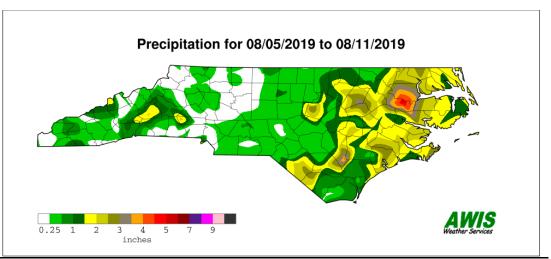
| WFATHER | SUMMARY | FOR THE | WEEK EN | NDING AL   | IGUST 11          | 2019 1 |
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|                    | Precipitation (Inches) |           |              |           | Temperature (Degrees F.) |     |           |           |        |  |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|--------|--|
|                    | This Week              |           | Year to Date |           | This Week                |     |           |           |        |  |
|                    |                        | Departure |              | Departure |                          |     |           | Departure | Degree |  |
|                    |                        | from      |              | from      |                          |     |           | from      | Days   |  |
| Location           | Total                  | Normal    | Total        | Normal    | High                     | Low | Avg.      | Normal    | (YTD)  |  |
| Asheboro Airport   | 0.34                   | -0.78     | 22.16        | -7.26     | 92                       | 65  | 77        | 0         | 3080   |  |
| Asheville Municpal | 1.2                    | 0.22      | 39.5         | 9.36      | 88                       | 62  | 75        | 2         | 2690   |  |
| Boone              | 0.14                   | -0.98     | 37.61        | 3.73      | 82                       | 55  | 69        | 2         | 1944   |  |
| Burlington AP      | 1.16                   | 0.18      | 29.17        | 0.27      | 94                       | 65  | 79        | 1         | 3440   |  |
| Charlotte          | 0.05                   | -0.79     | 33.21        | 6.15      | 96                       | 67  | 80        | 0         | 3475   |  |
| Clayton WTP        | 0.55                   | -0.48     | 34.81        | 5.61      | 92                       | 66  | 78        | 0         | 3197   |  |
| Clinton_2NE        | 2                      | 0.56      | 27.52        | -6.62     | 97                       | 67  | 80        | 2         | 3521   |  |
| Elizabeth City     | 1.35                   | 0.35      | 31.39        | 1.31      | 92                       | 69  | 80        | 2         | 3581   |  |
| Elizabethtown_NC   | 1.68                   | 0.38      | 23.73        | -7.28     | 97                       | 69  | 82        | 4         | 3833   |  |
| Erwin_AP           | 0.9                    | -0.29     | 26.76        | -4.06     | 94                       | 68  | 80        | 3         | 3586   |  |
| Fayetteville_AP    | 0.44                   | -0.87     | 25.81        | -4.08     | 97                       | 68  | 81        | 2         | 3807   |  |
| Frisco_2NNE        | 1.86                   | 0.4       | 37.31        | 4.3       | 90                       | 75  | 82        | 3         | 3810   |  |
| Gastonia-Gaston    | 0.01                   | -0.93     | 31.41        | 2.07      | 98                       | 67  | 80        | 2         | 3528   |  |
| Goldsboro_AFB      | 2.24                   | 0.98      | 27.95        | -3.25     | 94                       | 70  | 81        | 1         | 3718   |  |
| Greensboro_AP      | 0.04                   | -0.79     | 35.24        | 8.06      | 91                       | 68  | 79        | 2         | 3172   |  |
| Greenville Airport | 1.51                   | 0.05      | 25.69        | -6.06     | 93                       | 68  | 79        | 1         | 3552   |  |
| Hickory            | 0.23                   | -0.61     | 23.84        | -7.54     | 92                       | 66  | 77        | 1         | 2986   |  |
| Jacksonville AP    | 0.29                   | -1.18     | 14.18        | -19.24    | 98                       | 69  | 82        | 3         | 3686   |  |
| Jacksonville_EOC   | 2.85                   | 1.38      | 25.15        | -8.27     | 98                       | 68  | 81        | 2         | 3686   |  |
| Jefferson_2E       | 0                      | -0.95     | 39.84        | 9.73      | 83                       | 53  | 68        | -1        | 1864   |  |
| Kinston Airport    | 1.41                   | 0.23      | 23.42        | -7.52     | 93                       | 69  | 80        | 0         | 3616   |  |
| Louisburg          | 1.92                   | 0.8       | 37.15        | 8.39      | 93                       | 64  | 77        | 1         | 3207   |  |
| Maxton             | 0.26                   | -0.87     | 26.09        | -5.83     | 97                       | 68  | 81        | 2         | 3800   |  |
| Mt_Airy_2W         | 0.05                   | -0.81     | 37.64        | 9.05      | 90                       | 61  | 74        | -1        | 2562   |  |
| New_Bern           | 2.17                   | 0.59      | 26.57        | -7.92     | 94                       | 71  | 81        | 2         | 3697   |  |
| North_Wilkesboro   | 0.52                   | -0.53     | 41.4         | 9.92      | 91                       | 63  | 76        | 1         | 2855   |  |
| Oxford_AP          | 1.24                   | 0.19      | 28.12        | 0.02      | 89                       | 63  | 75        | -1        | 2804   |  |
| Raleigh-Durham     | 8.0                    | -0.04     | 29.43        | 2.28      | 93                       | 65  | 79        | 1         | 3343   |  |
| Reidsville_2NW     | 0.42                   | -0.49     | 32.87        | 4.53      | 92                       | 65  | 77        | 1         | 2963   |  |
| Roanoke_Rap_Dam    | 0.34                   | -0.72     | 29.94        | 0.72      | 93                       | 68  | 79        | 2         | 3288   |  |
| Robbinsville_AG    | 0.76                   | -0.41     | 56.95        | 15.97     | 85                       | 63  | 73        | -1        | 2385   |  |
| Rockingham         | 0.54                   | -0.61     | 23.52        | -8.04     | 95                       | 67  | 79        | 1         | 3501   |  |
| Roxboro Airport    | 0.55                   | -0.5      | 29.16        | 1.41      | 88                       | 63  | 74        | -1        | 2789   |  |
| Southern_Pines     | 0.19                   | -0.88     | 25.22        | -4.88     | 96                       | 66  | 79        | 1         | 3528   |  |
| Statesville_2NNE   | 0.51                   | -0.39     | 34.66        | 5.86      | 91                       | 62  | 76        | -1        | 2899   |  |
| Tarboro_1S         | 2.02                   | 0.84      | 25.25        | -4.21     | 93                       | 68  | 80        | 3         | 3443   |  |
| Vale_Ag_2SW        | 2.22                   | 1.31      | 37.55        | 7.53      | 91                       | 63  | 76        | -1        | 2941   |  |
| Wadesboro Airport  | 0.18                   | -0.93     | 24.66        | -6.02     | 96                       | 67  | 80        | 1         | 3407   |  |
| Washington_AP      | 1.22                   | -0.04     | 24.92        | -6.24     | 93                       | 69  | 80        | 3         | 3604   |  |
| Waynesville_1E     | 0.32                   | -0.66     | 38.87        | 8.42      | 88                       | 62  | <b>75</b> | 5         | 2219   |  |
| Whiteville_7NW     | 2.78                   | 1.65      | 23.61        | -8.97     | 94                       | 68  | 80        | 0         | 3598   |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This data is made possible by AWIS Weather Services, Inc. <a href="http://www.awis.com/">http://www.awis.com/</a>

#### **PRECIPITATION SUMMARY**

Map depicts accumulations through dates listed. This product is made possible by AWIS Weather Services, Inc. http://www.awis.com/



#### US DROUGHT MONITOR OF **NORTH CAROLINA**

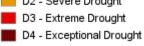
The US drought monitor focuses on broad scale conditions. Information provided for North Carolina is relative to information provided from all other states and the North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council. Local conditions may vary. http://www.ncdrought.org/

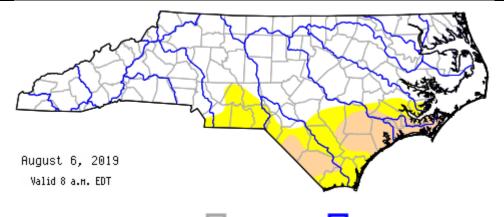
## Drought Classifications

D0 - Abnormally Dry

D1 - Moderate Drought

D2 - Severe Drought





County Boundaries Major River Basins (<u>View Map</u>) **S** = Short-Term, typically <6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands) **L** = Long-Term, typically >6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)